

Guidance on Determining Conservation Compliance Status

1. For each of the state standards listed, you must check the box that best characterizes the farm(s) on which you are claiming a tax credit. If your farm does not have livestock or related facilities described in a particular standard, check the "Does not apply" box. You must consider all structures on your farm regardless of the zoning in order to take the tax credit.
2. Regarding the cropland standards, you should already have a conservation plan on file with the Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department. All fields need to meet tolerable soil loss standards and have no signs of gully erosion. Your plan may need to be revised. If so, please call the Conservation Department. Staff will update plans as time allows.
3. Regarding the standards related to manure storage facilities, you should consider all of the storage structures on your farm. If one of the structures does not meet a particular standard, then you cannot mark that your farm is in compliance for that standard.
4. Regarding the standards related to clean water diversion and the manure management prohibitions, you must consider all feedlots, barnyards and storage structures on your farm. If one of the structures or facilities does not meet a particular standard, then you cannot mark that your farm is in compliance for that standard.

Two of the standards apply only to a farm located in a Water Quality Management Area, which is defined as 300 feet from a stream, 1,000 feet from a lake, or in areas susceptible to groundwater contamination (i.e. sinkholes, wetlands, shallow or sandy soils, near wells).

In considering compliance with the prohibition involving overgrazing of livestock near a stream or lakeshore, this prohibition does not apply to properly designed, installed and maintained livestock or farm equipment crossings.

IF YOU NEED A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR COST-SHARING

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is taking applications for cost-sharing for Nutrient Management Planning under the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). If you are interested please contact NRCS at 920-674-2020, extension 104.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING A FARMER TRAINING CLASS
TO WRITE YOUR OWN NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN, PLEASE
CALL THE WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE HOTLINE AT 920-674-8776
AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER TO BE ADDED TO
OUR INTEREST LIST. WE WILL CONTACT YOU WHEN WE ARE
READY TO SET UP A CLASS.**